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APPEAL BRIEF

(1) REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is the assignee of record, i.e., Nortel Networks Limited of 2351 Boulevard Alfred-Nobel, St. Laurent, Quebec Canada H4S 2A9, which is wholly owned by Nortel Networks Corporation, a Canadian corporation.

(2) RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no related appeals or interferences to the best of Appellant's knowledge.

(3) STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 are pending and rejected, with the rejection made final January 27, 2005.

Claims 1-21 form the basis of this appeal.

(4) STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

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All amendments have been entered to the best of Appellant's knowledge.

(5) SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The present invention is a firewall (100) that helps a first network (110) interoperate with a second network (120). The claims are directed to the firewall (100), the method formed by the activities of the firewall, and the computer software that operates on the firewall. It is presumed that the two systems are both packet based systems and use some variation of the OSI protocol stack model, such as a TCP/IP stack. The firewall 100 receives a stream of packets and filters them according to the present invention. The firewall (100) of the present invention is actually two firewalls in one. The first firewall is a packet filter (106) that operates on the bearer channel of a communication system. The bearer channel usually handles the voice part of a Voice over IP (VoIP) phone call, and thus all the packets associated with the bearer channel are filtered by the packet filter (106) in the first firewall. The second firewall is an application proxy (102) that operates on the signaling channel (or control channel) part of the VoIP call. Each VoIP phone call has a signaling channel that is responsible for call set up, call take down, and other similar signaling functions. The present invention applies the application proxy (102) firewall to the signaling channel at all stages of the call. When the two firewalls (102, 106) are combined and operate together, the parts of the call that are sensitive to attack (i.e., the signaling channel) are subjected to the greatest firewall scrutiny while the parts of the call that are sensitive to delays (i.e., the bearer channel) are processed by the relatively fast packet filter (106).

(6) GROUNDS OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

- A) Whether claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10-13, 17, and 18 are anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by Baum et al.
- B) Whether claims 3, 7-9, 14-16, and 19-21 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Baum et al.

(7) ARGUMENT**A. Introduction**

Baum et al. does not teach or suggest all the claim elements recited in the claims arranged in the manner claimed. Furthermore, the elements that the Patent Office equates to Appellant's claim elements do not perform the functions recited in the claims. Still further, the Patent Office has not satisfied its procedural and evidentiary requirements to modify or combine references.

Each of these failures provides an independent reason why the claims are allowable. For these reasons, Appellant requests that the Board reverse the Examiner and instruct the Examiner to allow the claims.

B. Summary of Reference

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,400,707 to Baum et al.

U.S. Patent No. 6,400,707 to Baum et al. (hereinafter "Baum") discloses a firewall 338 that has a filter 340, a packet switch 342, and a control processor 344. When the filter 340 receives a call set up message (i.e., a signaling message), the filter 340 duplicates the call set up message, passes the original data stream to a gateway 320, and passes the replicated stream to the control processor 344 (Baum, col. 6, lines 24-32). The control processor 344 evaluates the call set up message and customizes the filter 340 for that call (Baum, col. 7, lines 42-46). Baum also discusses why an application proxy is not a good firewall solution in his background section (Baum, col. 2, lines 28-35). The application proxy of the background is never interrelated to the other elements of Baum's system.

C. Standards

1. Anticipation

Section 102 of the Patent Act provides the statutory basis for an anticipation rejection and states *inter alia*:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless

(e) the invention was described in - (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for the purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language. . . .

The Federal Circuit's test for anticipation has been set forth numerous times. "It is axiomatic that for prior art to anticipate under 102 it has to meet every element of the claimed invention." *Hybritech Inc. v. Monoclonal Antibodies, Inc.*, 802 F.2d 1367, 1379 (Fed. Cir. 1986). This standard has been reinforced. "To anticipate a claim, a reference must disclose

every element of the challenged claim and enable one skilled in the art to make the anticipating subject matter." *PPG Indus. Inc. v. Guardian Indus. Corp.*, 75 F.3d 1558, 1577 (Fed. Cir. 1996) (citations omitted). Further, "a finding of anticipation requires that the publication describe all of the elements of the claims, arranged as in the patented device." *C.R. Bard Inc. v. M3 Sys. Inc.*, 157 F.3d 1340, 1349 (Fed. Cir. 1998) (emphasis added and citations omitted).

2. Obviousness

a. The Statute

Section 103(a) of the Patent Act provides the statutory basis for an obviousness rejection and reads as follows:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

b. The Interpretation of 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Courts have interpreted 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as a question of law based on underlying facts. As the Federal Circuit stated:

Obviousness is ultimately a determination of law based on underlying determinations of fact. These underlying factual determinations include: (1) the scope and content of the prior art; (2) the level of ordinary skill in the art; (3) the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art; and (4) the extent of any proffered objective indicia of nonobviousness.

Monarch Knitting Mach. Corp. v. Sulzer Morat GmBH, 45 USPQ2d 1977, 1981 (Fed. Cir. 1998) (internal citations omitted). The crux of the current inquiry is the content of the prior art, and particularly whether there is a suggestion in the art to combine references.

c. There Must be a Factually Supported Motivation to Combine the References

It is well recognized that almost every invention is a combination of elements from the prior art. *Ryko Mfg. Co. v. Nu-Star, Inc.*, 950 F.2d 714, 718 (Fed. Cir. 1991). What makes an invention patentable is that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the references in the manner claimed. The Federal Circuit has cautioned that the references may not be gathered with the claimed invention in mind. *Pentec, Inc. v. Allen*, 776 F.2d 309, 313 (Fed. Cir. 1985). To help avoid the insidious call of hindsight reconstruction, the

Federal Circuit has mandated that when the Patent Office proposes combining or modifying references, the Patent Office must articulate some reason why the combination or modification is desirable. Furthermore, this reason must be supported by actual evidence. *In re Dembicza*k, 175 F.3d 994, 999 (Fed.Cir. 1999); see also *In re Lee*, 277 F.3d 1338, 1343-44 (Fed. Cir. 2002). “That knowledge may have been within the province of the ordinary artisan does not in and of itself make it so, absent clear and convincing evidence of such knowledge.” *Smiths Indus. Medical Sys., Inc. v. Vital Signs, Inc.*, 183 F.3d 1347 (Fed. Cir. 1999). Put another way, merely because a combination is possible, the combination is not necessarily obvious. The Federal Circuit acknowledges that the range of sources from which the motivation may come is broad, but emphasizes that the range of sources available does not diminish the requirement for actual evidence. *In re Dembicza*k at 999. Here, the Patent Office has not advanced proper motivations to combine Baum and the elements for which Official Notice is taken.

d. Each Element of the Claim Must be Taught or Suggested by the Combination

Once the references are properly modified or combined, the combination must teach or suggest every element recited in the claims to establish *prima facie* obviousness. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981 (C.C.P.A. 1974); MPEP § 2143.03. An element may be suggested explicitly or implicitly. *In re Dembicza*k at 999 (Fed. Cir. 1999). The Patent Office must provide particular findings with regard to a suggested showing. Broad conclusory statements standing alone are not sufficient. *Id.* ‘If the PTO fails to meet this burden, then the Appellant is entitled to the patent.’ *In re Glau*, 283 F.3d 1335, 1338 (Fed. Cir. 2002). The Patent Office’s combination does not show the application proxy of the invention.

D. Argument

35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

1. Baum Does Not Anticipate Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10-13, 17, and 18

Anticipation is a rigorous standard and one which the Patent Office has not satisfied. In particular, the independent claims recite an application proxy. While the claim sets based on the independent claims differ slightly from one another, claim 1 is illustrative and recites a “firewall. . .comprising: an application proxy and a packet filter. . .”. The Patent Office does not directly identify where in Baum the application proxy is found.¹ Appellant argued that Baum did not

¹ See page 5, line 1 of the Office Action of January 27, 2005, which has no citation to any portion of Baum after the recitation of an application server.

show a proxy application in Appellant's first Response filed July 2, 2004. In the Response to Arguments section of the Office Action of January 27, 2005, the Patent Office does note that Baum, col. 2, lines 28-35 discloses an application proxy.² However, the citation to Baum, col. 2, lines 28-35 is not proper in an anticipation analysis. Specifically, as noted above, for anticipation, the elements of the reference must be arranged as claimed. Baum, col. 2, lines 28-35 is in Baum's background section, and is never interrelated to the system described in Baum's detailed description. Since the application proxy of Baum, col. 2, lines 28-35 is not interrelated to the other elements of Baum's system, and is particularly not interrelated to Baum's filter 340, Baum's elements are not arranged as claimed. Since Baum's elements are not arranged as claimed, Baum cannot anticipate exemplary claim 1. Since Baum cannot anticipate exemplary claim 1, Baum does not anticipate any of the claims in this group. Appellant requests that the Board reverse the Examiner and instruct the Examiner to allow the claims on this basis.

Appellant also addresses an alternative reading of Baum. This reading was argued in Appellant's responses filed July 2, 2004 and March 24, 2005. While the Patent Office has not specifically endorsed Appellant's interpretation of the Patent Office's argument, Appellant believes this alternative reading is the real basis of the Patent Office's rejection in light of the citations provided by the Patent Office in its analysis of claim 1. Specifically, it appears that the Patent Office is interpreting the control processor 344 of Baum as equivalent to Appellant's application proxy. However, this interpretation does not establish anticipation because the control processor 344 of Baum does not have the claimed functionality. Specifically, claim 1 recites "applying the Internet protocol packets associated with the signaling channel and the control channel to the application proxy. . ." Important to note in this language is that the language does not say "applying some of the packets to the application proxy", rather the language clearly indicates that the Internet protocol packets associated with the signaling channel and the control channel are applied to the application proxy. Not some, but all. In contrast, Baum's control processor 344 drops out of the call and does not process the call take down or other signaling channel or control channel packets, as recited in the claim. To this extent, Baum's control processor 344 is not an application proxy, nor does Baum's control processor 344 perform the recited function of the application proxy. Since Baum's control processor 344 is not Appellant's application proxy and does not perform the recited function of Appellant's

² Office Action of January 27, 2005, page 3, lines 7-10.

application proxy, Baum does not show a claim element. Since Baum does not show a claim element, Baum cannot anticipate the claim. Since Baum cannot anticipate the claim, the Patent Office's anticipation rejection based on Baum is improper. If the Patent Office maintains that Baum's control processor 344 is the same as Appellant's application proxy, Appellant requests that the Board reverse this finding and instruct the Examiner to allow the claims on this basis.

Appellant notes a further problem in the Patent Office's interpretation of Baum. Appellant's claims require that the packets associated with the control channels be applied to the application proxy. The Patent Office states "the control channels to the application proxy are the channels of data sent by the control processor, including the RS232 messages to reconfigure the packet filter. . . ."³ The quoted language from the Office Action indicates that the Patent Office may believe that the packet filter is the application proxy. Specifically, the Patent Office states that channels of data including the RS232 messages are the control channels. To comply with the claim language, the element to which the RS232 messages are applied must be the application proxy. That is, since the claim recites that the packets associated with the control channel are applied to the application proxy, if the channels of data including the RS232 messages are the control channels, then to comply with the claim language, the element to which these RS232 messages are applied must be the application proxy. The Patent Office then identifies the packet filter as the element to which the RS232 messages are applied. Thus, the Patent Office is effectively stating that the packet filter is the application proxy. Such a statement is demonstrably false and vitiates the Patent Office's statement that filter 340 is the packet filter of the claim. That is, in an anticipation rejection, the Patent Office cannot state that the filter 340 is both the packet filter of the claim and the application proxy of the claim. If the Patent Office maintains this position, then the elements of the reference are not arranged as claimed, and the claim is not anticipated. If this interpretation of Baum is the basis for the rejection, Appellant requests that the Board reverse the Examiner and instruct the Examiner to allow the claims on this basis.

35 U.S.C. § 103

2. The Rejection of Claim 3 is Improper

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Baum and Official Notice. In particular, the Patent Office alleges that real-time fax applications over the

³ Office Action of January 27, 2005, page 5, lines 7-9.

internet are well known to those in the art. Assuming, *arguendo*, that this assertion is correct, the Patent Office still has not provided any evidence to support the motivation to combine Baum and the asserted fact of the Official Notice. Specifically, the Patent Office asserts that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have a firewall also filter faxes through the internet, to apply the same security measure to internet fax transmissions as one would with other kinds of internet transmissions.⁴ While this statement is an interesting observation, the Federal Circuit requires more. Specifically, the Patent Office is required to support articulated motivations to combine references (such as Baum and the asserted fact of the Official Notice) with actual evidence. The range of sources that may be used is broad, but that does not diminish the requirement for actual evidence. *In re Dembicza*k. Since the Patent Office has not supported the asserted motivation with actual evidence, the motivation is improper. Since the motivation to combine Baum and the asserted fact of the Official Notice is improper, the combination is improper. Since the combination is improper, the rejection of claim 3 is improper. Appellant requests that the Board reverse the Examiner and instruct the Examiner to allow claim 3 on this basis. On this issue, claim 3 stands alone.

Claim 3 is also allowable for the reasons discussed in the § 102 rejection. Specifically, Baum does not teach or suggest the application proxy of the underlying independent claim. On that issue, claim 3 stands or falls with claim 1.

3. The Rejection of Claims 7, 14, and 19 is Improper

Claims 7, 14, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Baum and Official Notice. In particular, the Patent Office alleges that network address translation (NAT) processes are well known to those in the art, and supports this assertion with a citation to four patents.⁵ Assuming, *arguendo*, that this assertion is correct, the Patent Office still has not provided any evidence to support the motivation to combine a NAT process into Baum. Specifically, the Patent Office asserts that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply a Network Address Translation policy to translate any Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) port numbers, or User Datagram Protocol (UDP) port numbers contained at layer 3 and layer 4, to allow IP packets received from the outside to reach their destination, specifically by the proper ports and addresses on the internal

⁴ Office Action of January 27, 2005, page 9, lines 5-8.

⁵ Office Action of January 27, 2005, page 10, lines 4-8.

network guarded by the firewall.⁶ While this statement is an interesting observation, the Federal Circuit requires more. Specifically, the Patent Office is required to support articulated motivations to combine references with actual evidence. The range of sources that may be used is broad, but that does not diminish the requirement for actual evidence. *In re Dembicza*k. Since the Patent Office has not supported the asserted motivation with actual evidence, the motivation is improper. Since the motivation to combine Baum and the NAT process is improper, the combination is improper. Since the combination is improper, the rejection of claims 7, 14, and 19 is improper. Appellant requests that the Board reverse the Examiner and instruct the Examiner to allow claims 7, 14, and 19 on this basis. While this issue raises the same questions as the issue surrounding claim 3, the motivation is different, and thus, on this issue, claims 7, 14, and 19 stand or fall separately from claim 3.

Claims 7, 14, and 19 are also allowable for the reasons discussed in the § 102 rejection. Specifically, Baum does not teach or suggest the application proxy of the underlying independent claim. On that issue, claims 7, 14, and 19 stand or fall with claim 1.

4. Claims 8, 15, & 20 Are Non-Obvious Over the Rejection of Record

Claims 8, 15, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Baum and Official Notice. In particular, the Patent Office alleges that network address translation (NAT) processes are well known to those in the art. Assuming, *arguendo*, that this assertion is correct, the Patent Office still has not provided any evidence to support the motivation to combine Baum and the NAT process. Specifically, the Patent Office asserts that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to translate any IP addresses, TCP port numbers, or UDP port numbers contained at layer 7, to allow IP packets received from the outside to reach their destination, specifically, by the types of content and session request such as FTP, gopher, or telnet, on the internal network guarded by the firewall.⁷ While this statement is an interesting observation, the Federal Circuit requires more. Specifically, the Patent Office is required to support articulated motivations to combine references (such as Baum and the asserted fact of the Official Notice) with actual evidence. The range of sources that may be used is broad, but that does not diminish the requirement for actual evidence. *In re Dembicza*k. Since the Patent Office has not supported the asserted motivation with actual evidence, the motivation is

⁶ Office Action of January 27, 2005, page 10, lines 9-14.

⁷ Office Action of January 27, 2005, page 11, lines 1-7.

improper. Since the motivation to combine Baum and the NAT process is improper, the combination is improper. Since the combination is improper, the rejection of claims 8, 15, and 20 is improper. Appellant requests that the Board reverse the Examiner and instruct the Examiner to allow claims 8, 15, and 20 on this basis. On this issue, claims 8, 15, and 20 stand or fall together, but separately from the other claims.

Claims 8, 15, and 20 are allowable for a second independent reason. Specifically, Appellant timely traversed the Patent Office's assertion that NAT on layer 7 is well known in the Response filed March 24, 2005. The Advisory Action of May 5, 2005 is silent as to where there is any evidence that NAT on layer 7 is known. Since the Patent Office has not shown where NAT on layer 7 is taught or suggested, the Patent Office has not shown a claim element. Since the references individually do not teach or suggest the claim element, the combination does not teach or suggest the claim element. Since the combination does not teach or suggest a claim element, the combination does not establish *prima facie* obviousness. Since the combination does not establish *prima facie* obviousness, claims 8, 15, and 20 are allowable. Appellant requests that the Board reverse the Examiner and instruct the Examiner to allow claims 8, 15, and 20 on this basis. On this issue, claims 8, 15, and 20 stand or fall together, but separately from the other claims.

Claims 8, 15, and 20 are also allowable for the reasons discussed in the § 102 rejection. Specifically, Baum does not teach or suggest the application proxy of the underlying independent claim. On that issue, claims 8, 15, and 20 stand or fall with claim 1.

5. The Rejection of Claims 9, 16 and 21 is Improper

Claims 9, 16, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Baum and Official Notice. In particular, the Patent Office alleges that NAT processes are well known to those skilled in the art. Assuming, *arguendo*, that this assertion is correct, the Patent Office still has not provided any evidence to support the motivation to combine Baum and the asserted fact of the Official Notice. Specifically, the Patent Office asserts that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply a NAT policy to the firewall of Baum to allow IP packets received from the outside to reach their destination on the internal network guarded by the firewall.⁸ While this statement is an interesting observation, the Federal Circuit requires more. Specifically, the Patent Office is required to support articulated motivations to

⁸ Office Action of January 27, 2005, page 9, lines 5-8.

combine references with actual evidence. The range of sources that may be used is broad, but that does not diminish the requirement for actual evidence. *In re Dembicza*k. Since the Patent Office has not supported the asserted motivation with actual evidence, the motivation is improper. Since the motivation to combine Baum and the NAT process is improper, the combination is improper. Since the combination is improper, the rejection of claims 9, 16, and 21 is improper. Appellant requests that the Board reverse the Examiner and instruct the Examiner to allow claims 9, 16, and 21 on this basis. On this issue, claims 9, 16, and 21 stand or fall together, but separately from the other claims.

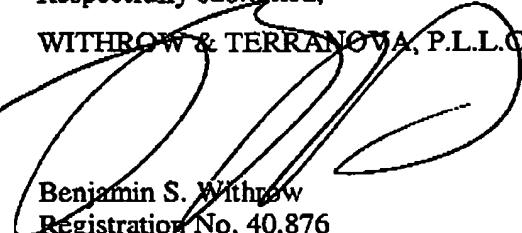
Claims 9, 16, and 21 are also allowable for the reasons discussed in the § 102 rejection. Specifically, Baum does not teach or suggest the application proxy of the underlying independent claim. On that issue, claims 9, 16, and 21 stand or fall with claim 1.

E. Conclusion

Baum does not show the application proxy interoperating with the packet filter as recited in the claims. While the Patent Office has construed a control processor to be the application proxy, this control processor does not perform the functions recited in the claims. Since Baum does not teach the claimed arrangement or functions, Baum cannot anticipate the claims. Additionally, the Patent Office has not provided the requisite actual evidence to combine Baum with the various asserted facts set forth in the Official Notices. Since the Patent Office has not provided the requisite actual evidence, the combinations proposed by the Patent Office are improper, and the rejections based on the improper combinations are improper. Appellant requests that the Board reverse the Examiner's rejections and instruct the Examiner to allow the claims.

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(8) CLAIMS APPENDIX

1. A firewall for Internet protocol packets carrying data for a real-time Internet application, each of said Internet protocol packets being associated with any one of a signaling channel, a control channel, or a bearer channel of said real-time Internet application, the firewall comprising:
 - an application proxy and a packet filter,
 - the firewall applying the Internet protocol packets associated with the signaling channel and the control channel to the application proxy, and the firewall applying the Internet protocol packets associated with the bearer channel to the packet filter.
2. The firewall of claim 1 wherein said real-time Internet application is Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP).
3. The firewall of claim 1 wherein said real-time Internet application is fax over Internet.
4. The firewall of claim 1 wherein said real-time Internet application is video over Internet.
5. The firewall of claim 1 wherein said real-time Internet application is voice messaging over Internet.
6. The firewall of claim 1 wherein the application proxy instructs the packet filter as to which Internet protocol packets associated with a particular bearer channel to enable and disable for the duration of a session of said real-time Internet application.
7. The firewall of claim 1 further including a Network Address Translation (NAT) process to translate any Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) port numbers or User Datagram Protocol (UDP) port numbers contained at layer 3 and layer 4 of the Internet protocol packets associated with the signaling channel, the control channel and the bearer channel.
8. The firewall of claim 1 further including a Network Address Translation (NAT) process to translate any Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) port

numbers or User Datagram Protocol (UDP) port numbers contained at layer 7 of the Internet protocol packets associated with the signaling channel and the control channel.

9. The firewall of claim 8 wherein said application proxy instructs said NAT process to operate for the duration of a session of said real-time Internet application independent of data traffic flow.

10. The firewall of claim 1 further including a control logic process for specifying the operating parameters of the firewall.

11. The firewall of claim 1 wherein said application proxy and said packet filter are housed in any one of a dual homed commercial workstation, a general purpose workstation, a dedicated firewall appliance, or an application specific integrated circuit.

12. A method of protecting a computer network transmitting and receiving Internet protocol packets formatted in accordance with a real-time Internet protocol, each of said Internet protocol packets being associated with any one of a signaling channel, a control channel, or a bearer channel, the method comprising the steps of:

- i. receiving a stream of Internet protocol packets,
- ii. applying the Internet protocol packets associated with the signaling channel and the control channel to an application proxy, and
- iii. applying the Internet protocol packets associated with the bearer channel to a packet filter.

13. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of the application proxy instructing the packet filter as to which bearer channels to enable and disable for the duration of an Internet application session utilizing said real-time Internet protocol.

14. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of applying a NAT process to translate any Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) port numbers or User Datagram Protocol (UDP) port numbers contained at layer 3 and layer 4 of the

Internet protocol packets associated with the signaling channel, the control channel and the bearer channel.

15. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of applying a NAT process to translate any Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) port numbers or User Datagram Protocol (UDP) port numbers contained at layer 7 of the Internet protocol packets associated with the signaling channel and the control channel.

16. The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of the application proxy instructing the NAT process to operate for the duration of an Internet application session utilizing said real-time Internet protocol independent of data traffic flow.

17. A computer readable medium containing computer instructions for protecting an Internet Protocol network transmitting and receiving Internet protocol packets formatted in accordance with a real-time Internet protocol, each of said Internet protocol packets being associated with any one of a signaling channel, a control channel, or a bearer channel, said computer readable medium comprising computer program code, executable by a computer, for:

- i. receiving a stream of Internet protocol packets,
- ii. applying the Internet protocol packets associated with the signaling channel and the control channel to an application proxy, and
- iii. applying the Internet protocol packets associated with the bearer channel to a packet filter.

18. The computer readable medium of claim 17 further comprising computer program code, executable on a computer, for the application proxy to instruct the packet filter as to which bearer channels to enable and disable for the duration of an Internet application session utilizing said real-time Internet protocol.

19. The computer readable medium of claim 17 further comprising computer program code, executable on a computer, for a NAT process, and for applying the NAT process to translate any Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) port numbers or User

Datagram Protocol (UDP) port numbers contained at layer 3 and layer 4 of the Internet protocol packets associated with the signaling channel, the control channel and the bearer channel.

20. The computer readable medium of claim 17 further comprising computer program code, executable on a computer, for a NAT process, and for applying the NAT process to translate any Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) port numbers or User Datagram Protocol (UDP) port numbers contained at layer 7 of the Internet protocol packets associated with the signaling channel and the control channel.

21. The computer readable medium of claim 19 further comprising computer program code, executable on a computer, for the application proxy to instruct the NAT process to operate for the duration of an Internet application session utilizing said real-time Internet protocol independent of data traffic flow.

(9) EVIDENCE APPENDIX

Appellant does not rely on any evidence to sustain the current appeal. Therefore, this section is not applicable to the current appeal.

(10) RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX

As there are no related appeals or interferences, this section is not applicable.